(b) Does not arise.

Renovation of Temples and Heritage Sites in Orissa

2007. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to protect identity of Orissa State culture by way of renovation of its historical temples and other sites of heritage character; and

(b) if so, the details of such heritage centres that have been renovated and others that would be taken up in a phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Archaeological Survey of India conserved and protects 78 monuments/ sites in Orissa which comprise historical temples and other sites of heritage character. The conservation of protected monuments is a continuous process. The maintenance and repair work of these monuments are being taken up on a regular basis.

Impact of Tsunami on historical monuments

† 2008. SHRI T.S. BAJWA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the historical monuments have lost their existence due to Tsunami and several precious relics have been unearthed;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to construct their replicate at those places;

(c) the number of monuments of historical importance that have been damaged as a result of Tsunami; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for their revival?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. None of the historical monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India has lost their existence due to Tsunami and no such relics have been unearthed.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.